



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Tomomi YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/773,299

Examiner: Z. Eshete

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Docket No.: 118041

For: VALVE DRIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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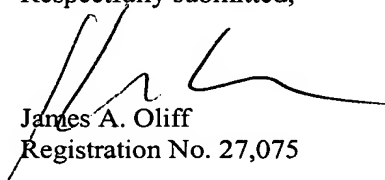
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired February 12, 2005, an extension of time for a period of 1 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 164406 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

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